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TAGS: OREP (O'NEILL, THOMAS P.)

SUBJECT: CODEL O'NEILL

REF: STATE 047137

1. I INFORMED VICE MINISTER SPASOWSKI OF THE REVISED ITINERARY. HE WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE EFFORT WHICH CODEL HAS MADE TO MEET THE PROBLEM OF EASTER MONDAY. HE EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE APRIL 20 ARRIVAL AND APRIL 23 DEPARTURE DATES.

2. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT IT WOULD NOW BE NECESSARY TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM FOR THE CODEL WITH OFFICIALS OF THE SEJM. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH ME NEXT WEEK, ONCE THIS HAD BEEN DONE.

3. I ASKED SPASOWSKI WHETHER THE SCHEDULING OF THE KRAKOW VISIT FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 23, WAS A FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE RECOMMENDATION HE HAD MADE. HE SAID THAT IT WAS, OF COURSE, FEASIBLE, BUT HIS CONCERN WAS TO ARRANGE THE BEST POSSIBLE PROGRAM. IT HAD BEEN THE MFA'S EXPERIENCE THAT IT WAS PREFERABLE, WHERE POSSIBLE, TO COMPLETE THE SIGHTSEEING AND CEREMONIAL PORTIONS OF THE VISITS FIRST AND THEN TO PROCEED AT THE END TO OFFICIAL TALKS. THAT WAY, VISITORS ALREADY HAD A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF THE SITUATION IN POLAND AND IT WAS NOT SO NECESSARY TO SPEND TIME GIVING THEM BRIEFINGS ON THE BASIC FACTS. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT -- AND WOULD NOT -- SAY SO, I

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SUSPECT THAT LEADING PERSONALITIES, BY WHICH I MEAN

GIEREK AND JAROSZEWICZ, MAY NOT BE BACK IN WARSAW
UNTIL LATER IN THE WEEK OF APRIL 18. END COMMENT)

4. SPASOWSKI THEREFORE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD
SUSPEND JUDGMENT UNTIL NEXT WEEK ON THE QUESTION OF
WHEN THE VISIT TO KRAKOW SHOULD TAKE PLACE. HE SIAD
HE WOULD OFFER A COUPLE OF ALTERNATIVES FROM WHICH
THE CODEL COULD CHOOSE.

5. IF THERE ARE SUBSTANTIVE REASONS WHY THE CODEL
PREFERS TO VISIT KRAKOW ON FRIDAY, I WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING INFORMED OF THEM. DAVIES

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